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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiyoshi YOSHIZUMI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/050,866

GAU: 1745

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EXAMINER:

FOR: ONBOARD FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DISCHARGING HYDROGEN-OFF GAS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 11-185783) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a surplus of hydrogen gas remaining in the anode of a fuel cell flows through an exhaust gas passage and is introduced into an air-introducing passage via an exhaust valve. In the air-introducing passage, the hydrogen gas is mixed with air gas and is supplied to the cathode while being maintained in a widely dispersed state. Air gas discharged from the cathode is introduced into the air-introducing passage via a circulation passage.

Reference AP (JP 11-233129) on Form 1449:

This reference discloses a solid oxide fuel cell. Air gas discharged from the cathode outlet of a fuel cell and fuel gas discharged from the anode outlet of the fuel cell are supplied to a combustor, undergo heat exchange in a heat exchanger for preheating air, and are discharged as exhaust gas

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AO	11-185783	07/09/99	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP	11-233129	08/27/99	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AQ					
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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Examiner

Date Considered

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